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MEMPHIS, TENN., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1876.

of the highest reputation, but especially be-cause the public confidence should not be de-stroyed without cause in the postoffice depart-

not the power which the house had to make a thorough investigation. He might send special agents, but the power to summon

vitnesses and to take testimony did not exist

n him as it did in the committee of the house

Unless, therefore, the gentleman [Hewitt] would satisfy the public mind by stating that

he had no sufficient ground for his charge, he did not see that the house could withhold

Mr. Hale said it was very clear to him tha

this was a matter which the house could not let drop. The inviolability of the postoffice

lepartment should be upheld by every power

of the government. It was all the more important now that that department should be undisturbed and unmolested since vesterday

the house had taken from another branch of communication between man and man all

that it had ever had of inviolability. The

ostoffice still remains, and the house could

do nothing better in the exercise of its high-

est power than to ferret and probe such mat-

there has been any interference with corre-

spondence of any gentlemen, more especially of the gentlem in from New York [Hewitt], who held the foremost place in one of the po-

litical parties of the country. That gentle-man believed his correspondence had been tampered with, and he had lost confidence in

the postoffice department. He had showed him [Hale] two letters, which he had exam-

ned and become convinced that the letters

had been in some way opened; but whether

power to see if that great department was

mr. Springer's substitute for Mr. Platt's resolution was adopted by a strict party vote—117 to 69. The Republicans had previously objected to sending the inquiry to Mr. Cox's committee. How in New York investigating

cers of the army with whom they take rank;

that when on sea service the same amount in

emoluments be allowed as to assimulated

grades in the army; that when on duty on shore

without allowances, and when on leave of ab-

The speaker laid before the house a tele-

raphed communication from William R.

Morrison, chairman of the Louisiana investi-

ern Union telegraph company in New Or-

that Barnes, the recusant witness be arrested

and brought before the bar of the house for

He declined to allow time for discussion, as

suggested from the Republican side of the house, and then the Republicans resorted to the parliamentary device of preventing any action, by withholding their votes, so as to

have no quorum voting. Proceedings for a call of the house were then begun. Finally

t was agreed that an hour's discussion should

be allowed, and Mr. Garfield spoke against

the resolution, on the ground, principally, that the house is not justified in treating a

Mr. Walker introduced a bill, which was

eferred to the committee on judiciary, pro-

inder his authority or control any troops or

such election, or for ten days prior or sequently thereto, unless it be

Inited States; and any person violating any

ary to repel armed enemies of the

telegraphic communication as an official re-

flicers shall be entitled to their full pay,

ts assent to the resolution.

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this report of Hayes making an alliance with

the southern rebels cannot be so, no, no, it cannot be so. It is a trick of the rebels to

cannot be so. It is a trick of the rebels to get Hayes in their power for the purpose of destroying this government, and if Mr. Hayes showed any disposition to lean that way, he was in fayor of Grant holding forci-ble possession of the White House. The whole issue of the campaign was to overawe

and overrate the south, and the Potomac would be choked with dead bodies before a

rebel-forgiven President should occupy the

Presidential chair." I found a large number

f Republicans who look with fear and dis-ever on any compromise or any favor to the outh. In this city the daily reports from

the congressional committee from New Or-leans is having a good effect indeed. Repub-licans begin to think that there is two sides

the question in Louisiana, but stick to it light Hayes has got the electoral vote, and here is no going behind it, wrong the it may be, it is the law and must be obeyed. Let

angress do what it may, and proce ever so such fraud, the vote of Louisiana will be ounted for Hayes. Very many business men

of both parties have much confidence in the

plan of the two committees, one of the house and one of the senate, to agree on some

method of counting the vote. It is sincerely hoped that this plan, whatever it may be,

will settle it; if not ... Morton's visit to

ndiams, in my opinion, was caused by the

many persons—some southerners—visiting Governor Hendricks, and the fact that the

Democrats had a call out, soliciting signa-tures to form societies of safety, and for po-litical gatherings, etc. In think his friends got scared and sent for him, so he could see

t, denounce it as a Democratic conspiracy in

CLOSING RATES Yesterday of cotton and gold: New York cotton, 12 1-4c. Memphis cotton, 11 3-8c. New York gold, 107 3-8. Memphis gold,

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

WAR DEPT., OFFICE CH. SIG. OFFICER, | WASHINGTON, December 22, 1 a.m. For Tennessee and the Ohio valley, threatening weather, and light rain or snow. southerly to westerly winds, and falling barometer during the day, followed during the night by colder northerly and westerly winds, and rising barar orter.

OBSERVATIONS YESTERDAY. WAR DEPT, SIGNAL SERVICE U. S. ARMY, THURSDAY, Dec. 21, 1876, 10:08 p.m. Place of Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 28.85 60 8.W. Foggy.
28.85 57 8. Fair.
29.75 35 8. Hazz.
29.72 40 Calm. Cloudy.
29.72 40 S.W. Light rain.
29.79 56 8. Condy.
29.78 55 Calm.
W. M. ELROY, Sergeant. Forgy.
Fair.
Hazy.
Forgy.
Cloudy.
Light cain.
Cloudy.

SENATORIAL candidates are increasing, and their chances for success and their "hosts of friends" are increasing too.

The appointment of Midhat Pasha grand winier of Turkey is regarded at St. Petersburg as a challenge to Russia.

A MATINEE performance at the New York theater yesterday, for the benefit of the Brooklyn sufferers, yielded fourteen thousand dol-

ALL the appearances in Washington are now in favor of Tilden being declared President. The Florida vote will be conceded to

KELLOGG, of Louisiana, wants M'Enery

arrested and tried for treason, and Chamber lain is after Tampton on similar charges, THE organization and arming of the Grand

Army of the Republic and the bigoted American alliance is so much energy wasted. We must have peace. THE Democratic members of congress from

a decision of the electoral muddle by the constitution, and whatever laws exist under its

THE New York Herald thinks that Grant, in dealing with the electoral controversy, gives evidence of infirmity of will and vacillation of behavior. Perhaps he now takes water with his bitters.

A WASHINGTON special to the New Orleans

Times says that castern congressmen are receiving many telegrams asking whether or not there is a prospect of trouble. They fear terrible riots in the eastern cities if a disturb-

An immense meeting of Conservative taxpayers was held in Columbia, South Carolina, last night, at which resolutions were adopted recognizing Hampton and Simpson as lawfully elected, and pledging them moral, financial and material aid.

LET us have peace. The Democrate in and around Washington say that the President's declaration that he will recognize as President the person declared to be so by the president of the senate, is an acknowledgement that the ultra Republicans have captured him and are managing affairs.

FROM a private letter from Ripley, the Somerville Falcon learns that Dr. Morgan Cartwright, of the Ripley News, formerly a citizen of Fayette county, is a candidate for sergeant-at-arms of the State senate. Dr. Cartwright is a clever gentleman and would fill the praction to which be aspires well.

BEN HILL says that as between the peaceful inauguration of Hayes and the forcible usurpation of Grant, he prefers, as he said in a recent interview, the former; but as between Tilden and Hayes, his sympathies as a southerner and a Democrat are uncompromisingly with the former, whose election he prefers and believes has been accomplished.

SENATOR GORDON, of Georgia, in the course of an interview with a New York World correspondent, says: "The southern people-I like that phrase better than the Democratic party-will not permit a collision. If it is Chamberlain or any other man who attempts it by peaceful means or by due process of law, our people will prevent violence, and in the courts, the courts of their enemies. they will seek instine."

GENERAL JOE SHELBY thinks "the south is in no mood for armed conflict. It has been engaged for eleven years in rehabilitating itself, and the result is of the most gratifying character. Being devoted to the work of material progress, it will take a most extraordinary emergency to excite a feeling for active participation in a struggle of politicans for control of the government. The prize is really not worth fighting for."

IT is predicted in official circles at St. Petersburg that the effect of the preliminary conference will be finally pacific. The results arrived at, because of the wide divergence of interests which had to be reconconciled, are not altogether what might have been desired, but Russia will have obtained what was possible, and proved that she places a good understanding among the powers above every other consideration.

The Washington Capital says that at a recent senatorial caucus it was determined that, in case of any popular disturbance calling for prompt action, Grant should be elected to the vacancy created by the expiration of Ferry's term as senator and Vice-President protem., which would make him President of the United States until his successor was duly inaugurated. The Capital cave this information is from a source it is not at liberty to

Our attempt to form one new county in public West Tennessee was nothing compared to plish in Texas. In that State the last legislature created fifty new counties in a batch, all to be carryed out of the county of Young, which covers the Llane Estacado or Staked

Boston, December 21: In the supreme court yesterday hearing was begun, upon petition. In the nature of a quo retriction, in which J. Williard Rice in a part of the county of Young, which covers the Llane Estacado or Staked

Boston, December 21: In the supreme court yesterday hearing was begun, upon petition. In the nature of investigation, but he thought it probable that no good would come of it, and that no important facts would be discovered; hence he had not been willing to put the country to the expense of an investigation. the work in that direction which they accoun- | Boston, December 21: In the supreme court yes-Plains and Bexar county, which was the home | Ha of the Comanche and the Lipan. These new counties are yet unorganized, but soon will be, and then what a chance for county offices, and two baggage and passenger cars. No mention is made of injury to passengers.

cipate in the electoral count, and denying the right of the president of the senate to onduct the count alone; also declaring that mess-meetings shall be held in each county in the State on the thirtieth of December of all citizens, irrespective of party, for the se- Debate in the House on the Question of lection of delegates to the convention to be held in Springfield on the eighth of January. 1877, and expressing the belief that all good citizens will be in the movement for free government, and that the proceedings will be in harmony with the gravity of the occasion.

THE Cincinnati Engineer's Washington correspondent says that Senator Jones, of Nevada, is quite hopeful that the supreme court of Florida will direct a new canvass of the vote of that State, and will perhaps make nonestly carried the State. And Senator Conover, who is strongly partisan in his fealty to the Republicans, says if a new count is or dered it will certainly develop that Drew is elected governor and that two Democratic ongressmen have been elected.

Whoever was declared by the president of his duty to recognize them and to surrender to them the reins of authority, and this he would do; but he protested that he had no wish to force any particular person upon the copie, but would see that the one declared elected his successor was placed in possession. He was not to be the judge of the election; that was to be decided by the constitution and the laws."

A PREVAILING impression in this city, says he Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, is that both houses will decide that each has the power vested in it to go behind the feet of the returns. If such a onstruction is agreed upon the election will se thrown into the house, and the result will be that Tilden will be elected President by that body, and that Wheeler will be elected Vice-President by the senate. This would, of course, be robbing Hendricks of his legal rights, but it would be an outcome calculated to bring peace and harmony out of what threatens to be chaos and disorder. If such is to be the result, it is predicted that Henthe south propose to regulate their action in dricks will be a member of the west cabinet.

THE three recent and almost successful atempts to destroy Little Rock by fire should warn the people and authorities of Memohr to be on their guard, to be especially Watchful and vigilant. Thereven be no doubt that e fires, as well as that which came near in Oreg to destroying Bolivar a few days ago, are the | spoke at length. work of incendiaries, who hoped to prefit by the confusion occasioned by them to reb and plunder at will. The fire and police commissioners should see that all the cisterns are filled, that the engines and apparatus are in good condition, and, if necessary, the police should be increased until after the holidays. otton men should double their guards at the several cotton sheds, and every precaution be taken to prevent incendiaries playing any part in Memphis.

THE Savannah News is evidently not riendly to Ben Hill. It says of him that he must lead, and "the great trouble is that those who attempt to follow Mr. Hill can never be sure, certainly not too sure, into which political camp he will lead them. He as a chronic affection for 'new departures,' and although always a Hill man he is ever in advance of the period, and his statesmanship is away beyond the comprehension of his compatriots. He is brilliant, but his briliancy is like the deceptive and unstable light of the ignus fatuus that lures to leave. He was right too admonish his new admires 'not to go too fast nor be too sure.' The Democacy of Georgia need no such warning." Bad or Hill, this-and he a candidate for the United States senate.

A MEETING of the leading Democrats, from various parts of Minnesota, held at St. Paul yesterday, adopted a resolution declaring it as the "firm conviction of the Demoerats of Minnesota that Tilden and Hendricks were fairly elected; that we behold with regret what appears to be a conspiracy n the part of the administration and corrupt politicians to count in Hayes and Wheeler in isregard of all law; repudiating the assumpion that the president of the senate has the structed to investigate the matter. etermination of all questions of dispute with gard to the electoral vote, and declaring hat the house of representatives has an equal ight with the senate in such settlement, we ropose, in common with all patriotic citiens, to support it in the exercise of its contitutional rights."

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITY.

Oregon, Ill., December 21: Miles J. Braidon's fine esidence, at Bochelle, burned yesterday. Loss, New York, December 21: The steamship Rhein, from Liverpool, brought sixty-four thousand pounds of and shoe manufactory burned here yesterday ess, \$24,000; one-half insured.

Paris, December 21: Specie in the Bank of rance decreased five million one hundred and nine-y-eight thousand francs during the past week. Belgrade, December 21: Prince Milan has accepted the resignation of the ministry, who, however, will remain in office pending the formation of the new cabinet.

Boston, December 21: John Riley, James Regan and Thomas Barnes, employes on the Ludberry ver conduit were buried under a land-slide this torning and killed. St. Louis, December 21: A very large mete-senting numerous and brilliant colors, and h using numerous and brilliant colors, and having a og tall like a comet, passed over this city to-night an southeast to northeast.

Lawrence, Kan., December 21: A large and bril-iant meteor passed from west to east over this city sis evening about fifteen minutes past eight o'clock, maining in sight neariy a minute. London, December 21: The builton in the Bank of

Louisville, December 21: A Harrodsburg special of the Courier-Journal says that Robert Gallagher and his son James were killed there to night by Z. J. Henry, who used a shot-gun. An old gradge ex-sted between their two families. Cairo, December 21: The residence of Thomas W oillday was totally destroyed by fire last night. I

London, December 21: Owing to a delay in the completion of the papers, Charles Brent, the Louisville forger, will not leave for the United States until Saturday. He will embark at Liverpool in the sharter Parisha, and will be in charge of Inspector Shore, of the home department police. special letters and requisitions, and request-

San Francisco, December 21: Cartwright, Watts and Odell, the Oregon Republican electors, with George A. Steele, chairman of the Republican State central committee, J. N. Delph, counset for the Bepublicans in the recent electoral muddle, and Secretary-of State Chadwick, left for the east this morning.

Topeka, December 21: A special dispatch from Hayes City says that at two o'clock this morning the castern passenger train from Deuver went through a bridge four miles east of here, killing D. F. Webster, the express messenger, and budly burning Canaddid, the mail clerk. The mails were all burned and two houseness and massenger, care. No mention

lots.

Ten Democratic State central committee of Illinois held a meeting at Springfield yesterday and adopted resolutions affirming the constitutional right of the house to parti-

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the Production of the Telegrams of Chandler, Grant, Wells & Co.

Statement by Mr. Hewlit in Regard to the Alleged Opening of His Letters by the Postal Clerks of the New York Postoffice.

t itself, and the result will show that Tilden | Special Committee Appointed in the Senate to Devise Means for the Proper Count of the Electoral Vote, Etc.

SENATE. Washington, December 21.-Senator Grant, in the course of an interview with a World correspondent, said, recently, that equalization of bounties. Referred, Senator Anthony called up a resolution to President of the United States, it would be his duty to recognize them and to surrender the senate, in regard to the count of the electoral votes from 1789 to 1873, inclu-

A resolution was offered by Senator An-nony that when the senate adjourns on Friday, the twenty-second, it be to meet on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth, and unless otherwise hen ordered, when it adjourns on the twentyninth it be to meet on January 2d. The reso lution led to a long discussion, and was finally amended to read, that when the senate adjourns on Friday, the twenty-second, it be to meet on Tuesday, the twenty-sixth, and as amended was agreed to, with the general understanding among the senators that the senators that the senators would adjourn on Tuesday to Friday and from Friday to Tuesday, January 2, 1877, without transacting any business.

Senator Logan inquired of the chairman of the committee on finance if there was any probability of an early senator from the committee on finance if there was any probability of an early senator from the terminal p

and he answered he had not, and he did not error Grown action, in reference to the believe, provided they had been opened in the silver dollar a New York had any knowledge of it, but he [Hale] saw that the said the house within the land any knowledge of it, but he [Hale] saw that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged the said that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged to the said the house within that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged the said that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged the said that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged the said that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged the said that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged the said that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged the said that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged the said that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged the said that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged the said that the gentleman from New York had a prolonged the said the house where the said the sa probability of an early report from that com-mittee on the bill to provide for the issue of ast few days had taken action on a similar that the gentleman from New York beheved his correspondence had been tampered with, and at soon.

Senator Sherman, in reply, said the committee on finance had not yet had time to consider the subject, or had been delayed somewhat on account of the silver commission not having made its report yet; he had been told, however, that the report of that committee would be made soon. He could assure

Edmunds to devise means for the proper count of the vote for President and Vice-President. in connection with a similar committee of the use, Senators Edmunds, Morton, Frelinghuysen, Logan, Thucoun, Bayard and Ran-

Senator Davis called up the report of the conference committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill to provide for the expenses of certain special committees. The committee agreed to give each house thirty-five thousand dollars to conduct the investigation ordered. In the course of the discussion Senator Morton said thirty-five thousand dollars would not be sufficient, but there was an immediate

use for the money, and he thought it well to take the thirty-five thousand dollars with the understanding that in all probability more would be asked for. The report of the committee was then agreed to. The chair appointed Senator Barnum on the committee on patents, and Senator Johnston on the committee on manufactures,

thus changing places.
On motion of Senator Davis business was spended, and the senate then paid its tribute of respect to the memory of Senator Caperton. Appropriate remarks were made by mators Davis, Wright, Withers, Edmunds and others, and as a further mark of respect, the senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Mr. Platt offered a resolution for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the charges made yesterday by Mr. Hewitt, that his letters had been tampered with in the New York postoffice. tion with it Mr. Platt sent to the clerk's desk and had read a telegram from Postmaster James, denouncing the accusation as utterly and absolutely false.

After a discussion of the resolution to investigate Mr. Hewitt's charge against the New York postoffice, the house refused to lay the whole subject on the table as proposed Mr. Buckner, and finally, on motion of Springer, the committee now in New York, of which he is chairman, was in-Mr. Hewitt stated a circumstance under which he made the charge. He said about a month ago he received a letter, the writer stating that he was an employe in the New York postoffice, and that he felt bound to

unicate the fact that "Slade's Lattle Ket-

tle" was at work on his letters. The only at-

of the provisions of this section shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars and suffer tention he was felt called upon to pay to this mprisoment at hard labor not less than five anonymous letter, was to observe closely the ars, and be deprived from holding any ofletters which he received. He had found that ce of honor, profit or trust under the United considerable number of them presented the appearance of having been FIRE AT WATER VALLEY. opened; the flaps of the envelopes presenting nctured or corrugated appearance. He had led the attention of gentlemen in his office A Block of Buildings with Their Con-tents Destroyed—Narrow Escape of the Entire Business Part of the Town. to the fact, and they had been able to pick out two classes of letters—those which had een apparently opened, and those that had ton he was struck with the fact that letters rom an Occasional Correspondent.] received from Boston, Chicago and other points had a perfectly smooth surface on the WATER VALLEY, December 21 .- Last night flap of the envelope, while frequently letters from New York presented that corrugated at twelve o'clock the alarm of fire was sounded by the watchman at the depot. The fire appearance. He had happened to show Park eaught in the second story of Azlin's furni-Godwin, a friend of the postmaster, one of these envelopes, and asked him whether or not it had been opened. Godwin ture store, corner Woods and Main streets, and in forty minutes the block was in smouldering ruins, as follows: Goodwin's marketsaid, it looked so. He then asked Godwin to ise, Azlin's furniture store, Askew & Hillee Mr. James, in whose integrity he [Hewitt] im's drug store, the Rogers & Collums double uilding, and Long's carpenter shop, with had entire confidence and whose valuable services should be retained through all mu-Booker's gunsmith shop. There is little, if tations in politics, and to mention the matter any, insurance. The frame houses just west to him. He [Hewitt] wished the house to understand he did not think James would be were scorched fearfully, and were only saved because there was no wind blowing; even then it took hard work and much water to or could be a party to any tampering with the letters. He had shown two letters one morning save them. The whole of Main street was in the greatest danger, so much so that many to the centleman from Maine [Hale] and had pointed out the corrugated appearances on the envelopes, and Mr. Hale had told firms were moving their goods to the rear. The colored men worked well. We learn that W. J. Alin has five thousand dollars inaim he ought to call attention of the house to the matter if he thought his letters were think will cover his entire loss. The policy was taken out in October. tampered with, but it would be readily seen m the nature of the ease that it would be hardly possible to bring forward any other evidences than the facts that the letters had this appearance. He had therefore not stated as a fact, nor did he now state it as a fact, at he had that suspicion which amounte acted on that belief by sending by express

FROM THE PEOPLE. The Seats that are "Taken." EDITORS APPEAL-I am glad to see so ne is protesting against the fraudulent way n. This unfair business has continued for a ong time, and it is time it is being stopped. ing gentlemen who had such special letters to It is done thus: All the seats, except a rery forward theirs by express. It may be that in | few in the outskirts, are marked "taken," regardless of the truth. Then the people are made to pay extra or forced to go up into the before the election had been held, but it was and it might be that a committee on investigation would be able to get at facts of which he had no knowledge. He had no objection, of course, to a committee of investigation, but he thought to go into the gallery. I have seen as many a committee of investigation, but he thought to go into the gallery. I have seen as many a committee of investigation, but he thought to go into the parquette marked to go investigation, but he thought the investigation of investigation of the course of the country to the expense of an investiga-tion, but if it was the wish of the house, or of the gentlemen on the other side, to have one, he should cheerfully assent. Unfortunately, he had thrown in the waste-basket the anonymous letters. He received from ten to twenty

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ment. During his own connection with that department at the opening of the late war, so sacred was the rule of the inviolability of correspondence, that although repeated representations were made by local postmasters as The Christmas Holiday-Fever Prevails Among the Standing Committees sentations were made by local postmasters as
to the importance of obtaining hostile proceedings through letters deposited in the postoffice, orders were issued from the
postoffice department prohibiting the
tampering in any way with such
letters. The only alternative for the investigation suggested was that the postmastergeneral should make it, but that official had
not the power which the house had to make -Texas Pacific Railway.

The Irish Centenary Address to the American People-Republican Caucus on the Oregon Difficulty.

Witnesses Subpensed in the Election In vestigations-Interesting Letter from Our Special Correspondent.

Christmas on the Legislative Brain. Washington, December 21.—The stand ing committees are not disposed to do any business, unless such may be pressed on the attention, till after the holidays. The Pacific Railway Taxes.

The house committee on the Pacific railroad s morning referred all bills and proposi ons in regard to the taxes of the road to sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Atkins, Lamar, O'Neil, Garfield and Luttrell, who are to report upon them at the next meeting of the full committee, ordered on January 14th, ter to the bottom. Let an investigation be made, and let it be most search-ing and complete. Let us know whether until which time the committee adjourned. The Irish Address.

The house committee on foreign affairs held a meeting to-day, at which J. O'Connor Power, a member of parliament, was present and read to the committeee the address of the Irish nation on the Centennary of American adependence. The committee then appointed Messrs, Swan, Faulkner and Monroe a sub-committee to report to the full committee as to the proper manner of receiving and ac knowledging the address:

Republican Caucus on the Gregon Dif-ficulty. The Republican senators held a caucus this morning for the purpose of determining whether the pending resolution, offered by Senator Mitchell, for an investigation of Govthe commutatee on privileges and elections have already been given, by the adoption of Senator Edmunds's resolution, substantially Mr. Springer's substitute for Mr. Platt's esolution was adopted by a strict party vote some discussion it was decided to press the resolution to its passage, and thus make a special case in regard to Oregon. No other action was taken, and nothing was said on

Witnesses Subpensed in the Election Investigation. The senate's sub-committee on and elections have subpensed the following witnesses to testify in relation to the Oregon lection matter: Governor Grover, Secretary of-State Chadwick, J. W. Watts, J. H. Odel W. H. Cartwright, Benj. Simpson, O. M. Denny, J. N. Dolph and G. A. Steele. They ence, to 214 per cent, of the full pay of their grade without the allowance of retired line are expected next week.

officers who have seen twenty years actual service at sea; and retired staff officers who Cronin Arrived. Mr. E. A. Cronin arrived from Oregon this have seen fourteen years actual service at sea, afternoon. He says he has not yet determined when he will deliver to Vice-President Ferry the certificates which he bears. shall receive seventy-five per cent. of full pay of the grade from which they were re-tired, and all other officers shall receive onehalf of full pay of the grade from which they were retired. In addition to the num-

Interesting Letter. Special Correspondence of the Appeal.]
Washington, December 16.—The elecber of men now allowed to the navy, eight andred and fifty boys for training may be toral votes of eleven States have been de-posited with Senator Ferry, president pretem. of the senate, by messengers of the several States. The electoral votes of most of the other States have been received by gating committee, transmitting a record of the proceedings before the committee in the mail, affording good opportunity for the tampering therewith by postoffice returning boards(?). The law requires one copy of the certified votes to be delivered by messenger case of E. W. Barnes, manager of the Westand a duplicate copy sent to the presiding Mr. Knott submitted a resolution directing

officer of the senate by mail. GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC This "trooly loial" organization held its innual meeting at the "City of Brotherly Love" yesterday, quite a number of delegates being present from various States. Important action was taken on the political question now agitating the country, the details of which were ordered to be kept secret. Doubtless the association will attempt to settle the political "muddle," so-called, for every in-dolent writer and lazy reader feels himsel ustified in calling a thing a muddle because he is too listless or stupid to inform himsel on the subject. The misfortune of it is that the public acquiesce, and languidly surren ders its minds upon the subject, upon which their own interests require they should hold clear and decided opinions. To that profound thinker, "Lord Dundreary," all things were muddled, or nonsense. But he is not a good

viding that no military or naval officer, or other person engaged in the civil, military or naval service, shall order, bring, keep or have type of man for times like these. THE OREGON ELECTION armed men at or near the place where any general or special election is to be held in any State, either on the day The Oregon electoral college was not muddle in the least. Governor Grover did his plain legal duty, and did it with the most punctilious regard for the written law and precedents. So clear was this action that it was not in the power of the Republican elector to muddle it. They filled a vacancy which did exist, and cast the vote of the State without even the prima facie marks of validity. I was not merely Grover's right, but his duty to fill those vacancies, and he appears to have performed that duty conscientiously, in selec-ting persons who voted for Hayes, when he might lawfully have selected persons who would have voted for Tilden. The official returns from Oregon show one vote for Tilden and two for Hayes; and this is certified to by the broad seal of Oregon. Those who seek equity must do equity, and if it be claimed that equity requiring that relief should be given to the Republicans of Oregon, a fortiori, relief should be given to the "legality" of the returning boards of the bayonet States. one case relief is demanded by blunderers

the other against plunderers. THE REPUBLICAN PROGRAMME. Morton, Logan, Boutwelf & Co. are now promising to offset the action of Grover, by contesting the eligibility of Benjamin Wil-liamson, of New Jersey, claiming that he was a United States commissioner. From present indications, these gents intend to push the test case to extremes, in the hope of finding some excuse for rejecting Williamson, and thus making it an easy matter to capture Cronin's electoral vote; or they will confirm Williamson and claim Watts. The commitee appointed by Mitchell's resolution will undoubtedly report that Odell and Cartwright, of Oregon, had full power to fill a vacancy, that W. J. Alin has five thousand dollars in-surance on building and stock, which we own petard.

Mr. Whitthorne, chairman of the naval committee of the house, has said that he in-tends to push the Robeson impeachment business, but is waiting for the action of the judiciary committee. The case will not be allowed to rest. The question will, it is believed,

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.
Attorney-General Taft has put forth his pronunciamento, that, "if disqualification existed with an elector, the remedy could

The dispute about the joint rules seems to "taken" remain unoccupied through out the whole performance. We, the ladies who wish to take our families, go joint rules are simply agreements between with the expectation of paying only fifty cents each; and if we are to be charged seventy-five cents, it is better to let us know of the public business. Their existence does it beforehand. Fifty cents is the regularly advertised price of admission, but when we advertised price of admission, but when we get there we are charged seventy-five cents. It is simply absurd to say This way of stating one price and charging the right of the house to raise objection

of the United States, and to the command of both houses of congress. In 1817 and 1821, objections were raised to the counting of cer-tain electoral votes, and in declaring the result the president acted under the direction of the two houses, there being then no twenty-second joint rule in existence, as that twenty-second joint rule in existence, as that rule was not adopted until 1865, which simply regulated the mode of exercising the jurisdiction already, and possessed, and previously exercised; and that was the idea under which it was framed, as may be seen by reference to the Congressional Globe of February 6, 1865. That rule provided that when objection was made to an electoral vote, the two houses should retire to their respective two houses should retire to their respective chambers, and should vote upon the question without debate, and that unless both houses should agree upon the counting of the dis-puted vote, it should not be counted. The bject of the rule was to cut off useless desate and prevent filibustering, and was used or the latter purpose in 1873, when General Butler made a fight against counting the vote of Georgia. If the senate does not choose to keep its agreement to observe the rule, or agree upon a new one, the house can acting for itself, fix its own mode of procedure, and we doubt not that the objections which may e raised will be acted upon with as great de liberation and furness as if the twenty-second joint rule had remained in force. For these easons we think the Democratic leaders of the house attach too much importance to the perverse partisanship of the senate. The period has now arrived when the press of the ountry must cry halt to selfish partisans. In this sharp extremity the conservative masses must also speak out boldly and fearlessly for right and justice, that the liberties

of the republic may be preserved. COLORADC. Colorado occupies an anomalous positien in the house. The delegate (Mr. Patterson) is not recognized, and the member (Mr. Bel-ford) is kept barking outside the door. Mr. Belford will be admitted, the Democrats say: but they will take their own time and will not be dictated to by the Radicals, DEMOCRITES.

THE ICE-FLOE.

Remnants from the Gorge at Columbus Flow Thick and Fast Upon Us-Apprehensions of Danger.

The Packets Laid Up getting into Snug Harbors - The Damage from the Crush and Smash by Ice in 1872.

The Mississippi river is full of floating ice and there is some fear that we may have an ice-gorge at this point. This feeling, though not general, is not unfounded, mastruch as Memphis has cause to remember the great ice-gorge that formed here in December, 1872. We hardly know what to predict, but will at Senator Logan that so far as the committee on finance was concerned, the bill could be neted upon finance was concerned, the bill could be neted upon finance was concerned to the committee on naval affairs, prompted upon finance was concerned to the committee on naval affairs, prompted upon finance was concerned to the committee on naval affairs, prompted upon finance was concerned to the committee on naval affairs, prompted upon finance was concerned to the committee on naval affairs, prompted upon finance was concerned to the committee on naval affairs, prompted and the first of the public safety demands an increase, and nothing was said on the subject of the joint committee which is to be appointed by the presiding officer of the such two houses, to report some plan for the settler two houses, to report some plan for the settler two houses, to report some plan for the subject of the past disaster by the ice-gorge, but exercise due care in looking out for a sage harbor should such be desired in order two houses, to report some plan for the subject of the post disaster by the ice-gorge, but exercise due care in looking out for a sage harbor should such be desired in order two houses, to report some plan for the subject of the point committee of the such two houses, to report some plan for the subject of the point committee of the such two houses, to report some plan for the such two houses, to report some plan for the subject of the point committee of a sage harbor should such be desired in order two houses, to report some plan for the subject of the point committee of the subject of the point committee which is to be appointed by the presiding officer of the such two houses, to report some plan for the section frauds.

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patch the steamer Ste. Genevieve from

Later reports state that the Ste. Genevieve

Vicksburg this evening."

North of here navigation is suspended, the Phelps and Hurlbut, for the parishes adjaupper rivers being solid ice. No steamers cent to New Orleans, will meet to-morrov have left here for the north this week, and from present indications it will be two weeks, pertaining to the section allotted to them The general committee, Messrs. Morrison or even more, before any boat ventures above this point. At Columbus, Kentucky, the Mis-Banks and Townsend, will remain here and issippi is gorged with ice, which, up to dark continue the investigation of matters of a esterday, was firm and tenacious. The rorge there will prevent an immediate gorge sections not included in the districts alloted here, but when the great mass of ice gives to the sub-committees, Mr. Morrison said way at Columbas, it will sweep down the river, and may gorge at Randolph and this to-night that the committee would be here point, as was the case in December, 1872. The ice now running past here is thin and NEW ORLEANS, December 21.-From th soft, but a return of the cold weather may resent indications neither of the investigathange this to damaging hardness. Yesterng committees will complete the work her day was rather warm and cloudy, indicating efore the first of February. The testimony the approach of rain, which would soon cut taken before the house committee to-day was very long and tedious. While the Democrats up the icc and waste it to harmless softness by the time the floating particles reached this are elated over the testimony of President port. Some apprehend danger from the bursting of the Columbus gorge, which in-creases daily, and unless we have colder cans claim that it did not injure their ca There is considerable apprehension of trouble weather, or a rise in the river, the latter of on the eighth of January, when the governor which is not probable now, will not give vay for some time to come. Should cold weather ensue, it is quite likely that the ice will gorge at Randolph, though perhaps not sooner there than here. The great ice-fields in the Nicholls will be inaugurated, as the Republi cans will not oppose the inauguration of Nicholls, but should be attempt to exercise the functions of office, he will, in all probabil Mississippi and Ohio will give way, however, ity be resisted. A call will then be made for and it is at present a matter of speculation groops, eleven hundred of which are now staas to what quantity of the frozen water will reach Memphis. Precaution is being used by the foreign steamers which are laid up at this port. Yesterday the steamers Thomas Sherlock and Mary Houston were landed at the Fort Pickering point, that being deemed a safe harbor and beyond What the Republicans and Democrats of the Upper Country are Saying the reach of any gorge. The John A. Scudder and C. B. Church are lying at the lower end of the elevator, and would there escape damage from the ice, should it gorge The Grand Army of the Republic, and The James D. Parker is at the elethe American Alliance Bigotry. rator, by the side of the Church. Just above the wharf, and at a point where the ice would strike with full force, are the steamers Ashland, Schenck, Ark, Osceola, A. J. White, Illinois and G. W. Cheek. Should the ice gorge here, as it did in 1872, all of these From an Occasional Correspondent of the Appeal. would likely be crushed to pieces or sunk. If the commanders of these boats have any fear as to an ice-gorge, they should at once find a CHICAGO, December 19.-I have just returned from Milwaukee and Madison, th capital of Wisconsin. Have met with and talked to many Democrats and Republicans better location for their steamers. The Illi-

nois, White and Cheek are in charge of the United States marshal. We do not predict a gorge at this point, but it is well enough to be and in the hotels on the Presidential ques warned in time. It will be remembered that in December, 1872, a large amount of property was destroyed by the ice which gorged ere, and, on the morning of the twenty-seventh, gave way, sweeping everything awaysteamers, barges, rafts, and an entire coalleet. The greatest damage done was to barges and steamers at the upper end of the wharf, and in almost the exact locality now occupied by the above-named steamers. The following is a list of the steamers that were sunk or damaged, and their value: Ferryboat Excelsior, sunk, value \$6000; propeller Nellie Thomas, damaged; Belle of Pike, sunk out of sight, value \$30,000; R. P. Walt, crushed and wrecked, value \$40,000; pleasure boat Helen crushed; Summer Coon, crushed, value \$2000; Undine, sunk, value \$1500; Andy Baum, damaged to the extent of \$4000; West Wind, sunk, value, \$8000; St. Francis and City of Augusta, slightly damaged. On the night of the twenty-fifth of December, 1872, the steamer Celeste, valued at \$15,000, was sunk by the ice at Randolph, and a coalbarge, with seven men, was ingulfed in the half-frozen tide. At the time of the disaster o the above named steamers the only other boats at the landing were the Lawrence, Ashland, A. J. White, Frank Forrest, Mary Miller and P. W. Strader. At the bar opposite the city were the H. C. Yaeger and towboat Clipper. All of these steamers escaped damage at the time, though a few days thereafter the Clipper lost six of her barges. During that week of icy disasters three million feet will submit. They seem to think that block that block the control of the control o of saw-logs were swept away, two hundred and twenty-five thousand bushels of coal and Mexicanize it. This is the talk only of the three hundred bales of cotton lost, besides rural Democrats, the city Democrats are be the steamers of which we above spoke. The ing hot. Many of the Democrats estimated loss at this point was in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. Let us hope that no digmant at the actions and say-

ice and the river. The Drought on the Pacific Slope. San Francisco, December 21.—It began aining at San Diego last night, but no immediate indications of the breaking up of the drought of the State generally, yet it is noticeable, though it is expected that the interest in the election, a Republican was as storm which began on the southern border will move northward. As yet the drouth has done but little injury, which may not be redon't show much desire to do any mous letters. He received from ten to twenty a week; therefore, its handwriting could not be identified; so, too, with the envelopes, they had been thrown awa, and it was a received to-day presented any appearance of having been tampered with.

This way of stating one price and charging and if it continues much longer the people who easily see through the given by had been thrown awa, and it was a received to-day presented any appearance of having been tampered with.

Mr. Kasson said he had favored the introduction of the resolution not merely because it concerned the administration of an other.

A LADY WHO KNOWS.

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uch disaster will again occur here from the

LOUISIANA.

Both Congressional Investigating Con mittees Still at Work-Important Points Discussed by the Senate Committee.

J. Madison Wells and Charles S. Abell, of the Returning Board, Before the House Committee-The Story of Frank Johnson, Colored.

Robbed of His Ecclesiastical Authority and Kicked Out of His Church for Being a Democrat-The Latest Indications.

The Senate Committee's Proceedings.

New ORLEANS, December 21.—The senate

investigating committee met promptly. An effort was made by Senator M Denald to have the members of the returning board sub-

enaed, action on which was finally postponed

by the committee until to-morrow. The ques-tion of taking the deposition of Eliza Pink-ston was discussed for some time, and finally

their witnesses and leave out all except

S. Abell, secretary of the returning board

and Frank Johnson, colored, a Democrat

latter testifying that he was a minister of th

Baptist church, but was turned out and de

supported and canvassed the county for th

Messrs, M'Mahon, Ross and Crappo

The Indications

inaugurated, both Packard and

THE NORTHWEST.

and Doing About the Elect-

oral Trouble.

Intolerance and Sectional

Hate Rampant-Mor-

and heard many of them talk on the trains

tion, and the result of my observations is that

the Republicans have private secret military

organizations in this State and Wisconsin

posed in part of members of the Grand Arm

of the Republic, who are avowed Repub

embracing the very worst fanatical element

the cities and villages, and as I am told, the

a very inviting home in the lodges of the Al-

liance, and that in the lodges in this city these foreign patriots are found in abundance.

class are so intensely anti-Democratic, and

their love of good government. They think

they have a mission to perform, and to fa

fill that mission it is their bounden duty

to oppose everything and anything and

everybody and anybody who are in

any way friendly with or to the Catholics

zens are any indication of what they would do, I believe they would assist to mangura-

Haves and hold him in power by military !

Many Democrats 1 met with will yield rath

than push things to extremes; they believe

Tilden honestly elected and cheated out

ings of southern members. One Milwan

there, and why I was not at home preparing for the coming conflict; this was and woul

be a southern fight, that all the northern

Democrats cared about the matter was to in-augurate Tilden, so that he would do justice

keean wanted to know what I was doing

(South Carolina they say nothing ab-

rather than raise a disturbance about it.

such zealous Hayes worshippers, seems to be

cans, and of the American alliance

Irish Orangemen and the Scotch Calvin

of the Republicans in the cities.

Democratic nominees.

failed to pass through the gorge at Colum-bus, and was forced to return to Cairo. committee, consisting of Mesers. Blackburn

the senate, and call on the President to sup-press it. Morton failed this time; look out stponed until to-morrow. The counsel for Republican side stated that they had some for him, for if the case demands it he will have a revolution on hand to meet the wants. -two more witnesses to testify in regard for two more witnesses to testify in regard to Ouachita parish. The Democratic counsel stated that it would be impossible to have their witnesses here before next Tursday, as they had been misled in regard to which parish would be taken up, and had subpensed their witnesses from East Baton Rouge first. Republican counsel stated the whole number of witnesses from all the parishes would reach the whole from the stated the whole number of witnesses from all the parishes would reach the stated the whole the stated the whole number of witnesses from all the parishes would reach the stated the stated the whole number of witnesses from all the parishes would reach the stated the s Business dull. MARINE DISASTER. In the Chesapeake. Baltimore, December 21.—The crews of e oyster fleet, which during the recent storm aight refuge in Magothy river, have suffered ive hundred. Senator Saulsbury thought terribly from exposure. Several of the boats are ashore and the crews frostbitten. One est to have an understanding at present i eference to fixing a limit to the inquiry, as poat went ashorellast Friday night. Four of five hundred witnesses on either side would consume all the time till the first of March the crew lie dead in the cabin Chairman Howe thought the mass of the evidence might be abridged by the counsel, efficiencies agreeing, as far as possible, to accept the testimony before the returning board without either side being expected to develop further testimony from those witnesses. A Off the British Coast. London, December 21.—A severe gale, acempanied by torrents of rain, prevailed aroughout the United Kingdom on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The gale was par-ticularly violent on the Scotch coast. During the gale the decks of the steamer City of Bristol were constantly flooded. Her hawsers further testimony from those witnesses. engthy discussion ensued in regard to the the best means of reaching the object aimed were smashed in, her chart-room was gutted and her saloon skylights were burst in by the at, viz: whether or not there was a full, fre and fair election in the contested purishes weight of the water, breaking a board and It was the general opinion that this could several of her crew were injured. The steamer Illinois takes her passengers. best be secured by examining and complet-ing the parishes separately, and that the re-spective counsel might sift the testimony of

> MAXWELL-BROWN-On Tuesday, December 19. 1876, at the residence of Wm, D. Brown, in Jacksomport, Ark., by Rev. Mr. Matthews, Dr. W. B. MAX-WELL, of Nesbitt, Miss., and Miss Zana A. BROWN,

of Jacksonport, Ark. Masonic Notice. THE stated communication of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 341, will be held this (FRI-DAY) evening, Dec. 22d, at 7 o'clock, sharp, for dispatch of business; also, for work in F. degree. All M. M.'s are fraternally invited.
By order JAMES S. CARPENTER, W. M.

By order JAMES S. C ZACK T. WHITE, Secretary POLICE ORDER.

MARRIED.

OFFICE CHIEF OF POLICE,
MEMPHIS, December 20, 1876. Der In view of the continuous dry weather and of

The Discharge of Roman Candles, Sky-Rockets and Fire-Crackers, within the City Limits, is Positively Prohibited on the Approach-

The police have strict instructions to arrest any one violating this order.

ing Holidays.

P. R. ATHY, Chief-of-Police. J. Willis, Architect, AVING returned to Memphis, is now prepared to furnish Plans. Specifications and Esti-LAYKAN retained to Mempais, is now prepared to furnish Flans, Specifications and Estimates, for all kinds of buildings, and will superintend their erection when desired.

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Our hair stock was never so complete, and never so cheap as the present beautiful hair braids to say nothing of our the curis. We make hair lewelry, challes, crosses, sefs, charms, etc., the order. We have also a fine lot of Saratoga invisibles, which we will sell at S5 cach—Perfumery and Tellet articles. Come and see our goods. We are so determined to sell that you must not go away unless you have secured a bargain.

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